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WELCOME TO THE PLANET MOBIUS--A WORLD BEYOND THE SEGA GAMES--WHERE THE MYSTERIOUS BLAZE THE CAT IS ON A QUEST FOR ONE OF THE MISSING SOL EMERALDS--AND HAS FOUND TROUBLE INSTEAD!

BLAZE THE CAT'S WORLD

WHOA! CAREFUL THERE, MARINE!

OI! YOU BETTA' BE CAREFUL YA DON'T DING MY DINGHY!

IT WON'T BE MY FAULT! EVERY-THING'S GOTTEN WORRISOME SINCE WE LOST THE SOL EMERALDS!

WE'LL BE FINE!

M'BEST MATE BLAZE IS SEEING ABOUT IT. SHE'LL FIND 'EM ALL AND GET THINGS FIXED UP RIGHT QUICK!

YOU'LL SEE...

TREASURE TEAM TANGO!

STEP TWO: THE CRUZADA

TEAM DARK

SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG
G.U.N. AGENT

E-123 OMEGA
G.U.N. HEAVY
WEAPONS ROBOT

ROUGE
THE BAT
G.U.N. SPY

MAKE THIS EASY ON YOUR-SELVES, LADIES. GIVE IT UP. THIS SOL EMERALD IS MINE!

TEAM ROSE

M-MISS R-ROSE? WHO ARE THOSE SCARY PEOPLE?

CREAM THE RABBIT
WITH CHEESE
THE CHAO

BLAZE
THE CAT
PYROKINETIC
PRINCESS

A BUNCH OF *JERKS* WHO ARE IN *BIG* TROUBLE!

AMY ROSE
FREEDOM
FIGHTER

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SHADOW. **THIS** IS HOW YOU REPAY MY GENEROSITY? * YOU KNOW HOW BADLY MY WORLD NEEDS THE SOL EMERALDS.

*SEE **SU** #1!

THAT WAS THEN. THIS IS NOW.

IT'S JUST BUSINESS, HONEY. WE DON'T WANT THIS TO GET MESSY!

FINE. YOU'VE CHOSEN YOUR FATE.

OKAY, MAYBE A LITTLE MESSY. OMEGA, DO YOUR THING!

POW!

POW!

POW!

FWEE!

FWEE!

YIPPIE-KI-YAY, PASTEL-COLORED RESISTANCE!

GET DOWN!

CREAM!

GOODNESS--!

FWA-

KOOM!

AAAAAAAH!

IT'S OKAY! I'VE GOT YOU!

HELLO? I'M DETECTING HUGE SPIKES IN HEAT. IS EVERYONE ALL RIGHT?

NICOLE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

FIND SOME COVER. I'VE GOT TO HELP BLAZE!

I-I-I WANT TO HELP TOO!

HELLO?

HUH.

THE FLUFFY CAT WOMAN... TRUMPED MY BARRAGE?

HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MIND?!

RELAX! THAT WAS TO SCARE THEM, NOT--

--HURT?!

FWOOM!

SUCH DESTRUCTIVE POWER...

CLANG!

I LIKE YOU! LET US BURN THINGS TOGETHER!

?!?

WHAT'S GOING ON NOW? HOW ABOUT NOW? ANY MORE EXPLOSIONS? C'MON, TELL MEEEEE!

JUST BE READY TO MOVE WHEN I GIVE THE WORD...

"...SO WE CAN TAKE THESE BOZOS BY SURPRISE."

WOOP!

TING!

AUGH!

I'VE GOT IT, MISS BLAZE!

AND I HAVE YOU.

TONK!

EEEEEEK!

Hmph.

DROP IT!

HRNK!

PiKO

AT LAST--!

GUESS AGAIN, SWEET-HEART!

GAH!

CHAOOF!

GO, CHEESE, GO! WE'LL CATCH UP TO YOU!

YOU'LL NEVER TRACK THAT TINY CHAO THROUGH THE WOODS. WE WIN.

I'LL JUST TAKE THE CONSOLATION PRIZE.

YOU SUMMONED THE GREY ONE JUST LIKE THIS, RIGHT?

DON'T--!

SHADOW! WARP US OUT OF HERE!

CHAOS CONTROL!

KA-BOOM

!

WH--Z!

AND THAT IS WHY I AM THEIR GUARDIAN!

AUGH!

THEY WERE MEAN, BUT I DO HOPE THEY'RE NOT BADLY HURT...

THEY'LL BE FINE! THE ROBOT PROBABLY ENJOYED IT!

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP. I AM INDEBTED TO YOU.

ALL IN A DAY'S WORK FOR A FREEDOM FIGHTER!

IT WAS A TEAM EFFORT!

CREAM, YOU FLY AHEAD AND FIND CHEESE WHILE WE CLIMB OUT OF HERE!

IF YOU'RE SURE...?

SURE I'M SURE. WE NEED TO HURRY BEFORE TEAM GRUESOME RECOVERS.

OKAY! WE'LL MEET YOU AT THE TOP!

CHEESE, I'M HERE! CHEESE? WHERE ARE YOU...?

=GASP!=

TEAM HOOLIGAN

WHAT DID I TELL YA, BOYS? LIKE TAKING CANDY FROM A BABY!

YOU LOSE SOMETHIN', LITTLE GIRL?

SHIIIINY...

BARK THE POLAR BEAR
HIRED MUSCLE

BEAN THE DUCK
...Um...

NACK THE WEASEL
TREASURE HUNTER

THE MARVELOUS QUEEN
STATE-OF-THE-ART HOVER BIKE

YOU PUT CHEESE DOWN THIS INSTANT!

GYEEP!

PHOOMP!

HOW DARE YOU KIDNAP CHEESE! DON'T HOLD HIM BY THE WINGS LIKE THAT! DO YOU KNOW HOW SENSITIVE THEY ARE? AND GIVE BACK MISS BLAZE'S SOL EMERALD! WE HAVE WORKED VERY HARD TO GET THAT BACK FOR HER, YOU KNOW! THIS WHOLE DAY HAS BEEN NOTHING BUT ROUGH-HOUSING AND RUDE PEOPLE AND I SIMPLY WILL NOT TOLERATE IT!

CRIMINY, KID...

D'AWWW! ISN'T SHE THE CUTEST LITTLE FLOPPY-EARED, LOUD-MOUTHED, TINY-WITTLE-BITTY FLUFFY YOU'VE *EVER SEEN?!*

OH, UM... THANK YOU?

PLEASE, CAN WE KEEP HER, BOSS?! SHE CAN BE OUR MASCOT! I'LL FEED HER AND TAKE HER FOR WALKS AND NAME HER JORGE!

KNOCK IT OFF, BEAN! I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR YOUR BRAND OF CRAZY TODAY!

HEY!

YOU LET CREAM GO *RIGHT! NOW!*

OH NO. NOT HER. NOT THE HAMMER.

HEY! IT'S SHOUTY-HAMMER McPAIN!

YOU WANNA BE CO-MASCOTS WITH JORGE?!

EVERYBODY ON! WE'RE OUT OF HERE!

OH NO YOU DON'T! C'MON, BLAZE! AFTER--

--THEM?

WHOOSH!

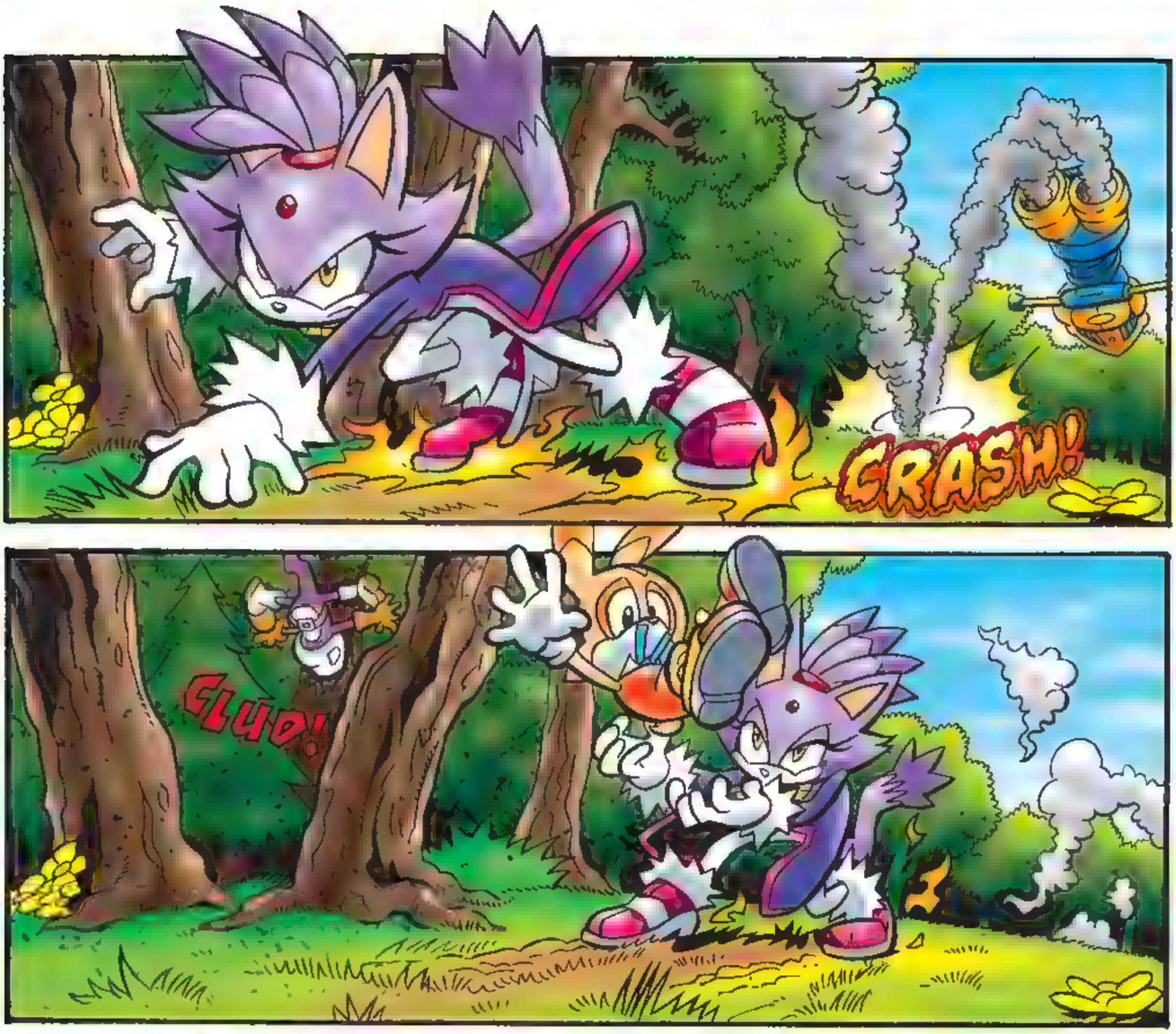
EXCUSE ME, MR. POLAR BEAR, BUT YOU'RE STILL HOLDING ME.

Um, BOSS? LITTLE MISS FLAMING LILAC IS ABOUT TO...

WHAM

...NEVER MIND.

MY BIKE!!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HUFF! HUFF! ARE YOU HUFF! ALL RIGHT, CREAM?
I AM NOW! THANK YOU, MISS BLAZE!

WHEW! YOU'RE ALMOST AS FAST AS SONIC!
WHAT? NO, NO. I'M QUICK, BUT NOT NEARLY AS FAST AS--

EXCUSE ME, BUT WHERE DID THE SOL EMERALD LAND?

"LIKE CANDY FROM A BABY," YOU SAID. WHAT NURSERY DID YOU COME FROM, PAL?!

I DIDN'T THINK SHE HAD A FREAKIN' FREEDOM FIGHTER WITH HER, OKAY?!

YOU WERE SPYING ON THEM! YOU DIDN'T SEE THE PIKO-PIKO VALKYRIE WITH THEM?!

DON'T GET YOUR ASCOT IN A KNOT. WE GOT THE GEM. WE'VE GOT IT MADE.

YOU'LL BE "MADE" TO *HURT* IF YOU DON'T HAND OVER THAT--

POW!

POW!

AHHHH!

YOU SHOULD HAVE KEPT RUNNING.

THE EMERALDS, LADIES. NOW.

WAIT! WE DON'T HAVE THE-- OOF!

POW!

WOW. OKAY BOYS, SNEAKY TIME.

YES. SNEAKY TIME IS A GOOD TIME.

PLEASE SURRENDER! THINK OF THE POOR TREES!

GONK!

CREAM! GO!

AWGH!

THUMP!

QUIT TELE-PORTING AND FIGHT LIKE A MAN!

OW!

FINE! I'LL TAKE YOU ON WITH OR WITHOUT MY--!

PIK

=WHEW!= AFTER THIS, FEIST SEEMS LIKE NOTHING!

Hmph.

E-EXCUSE ME, BUT I CAN'T LET YOU DO THIS. MISS BLAZE IS COUNTING ON US, AND...

WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO, LITTLE SQUISHY THING?

EEEP!

WAAAH! IT'S NO FAIR AND YOU'RE ALL SO MEAN! WE DON'T EVEN HAVE THE ONE EMERALD ANYMORE!

PLEASE DO NOT CRY, TINY GIRL CREATURE. I DO NOT THINK I CAN HANDLE THAT!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, YOU DON'T HAVE THE SOL EMERALD?

≥SNIFF!≤ TH-THE SMELLY WEASEL MAN AND HIS FRIENDS ≥SNIFF!≤ STOLE IT FROM US!

NACK THE WEASEL... AND A COUPLE OF GOONS NAMED BEAN... AND BARK...

DON'T.

I KNOW THOSE GUYS. WE CAN GET IT BACK FROM THEM EASILY ENOUGH.

NO...

STAY DOWN. PLEASE.

NO! YOU CAN'T!

I DID NOT BRAVE THE COSMIC INTERSTATE AND DODGE THE ZONE COPS' BLOCKADE FOR NOTHING! WITHOUT THE SOL EMERALDS MY WORLD WILL *DIE!*

"AND I WON'T LET YOU, OR **ANYONE ELSE,** STOP ME FROM GETTING THEM BACK!"

AW, NO... NOT ***THEM!***

*OUR GIRLS ARE IN TROUBLE, AND TEAM DARK DOESN'T MESS AROUND! WILL NACK'S GANG MAKE A CLEAN GET-AWAY? OR WILL THE SURPRISE **FOURTH TEAM** BE THE DECIDING FACTOR? COME BACK NEXT TIME FOR MORE MADNESS! UNTIL THEN ENJOY **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG,** THE **SONIC ARCHIVES** AND **SONIC SELECTS!***

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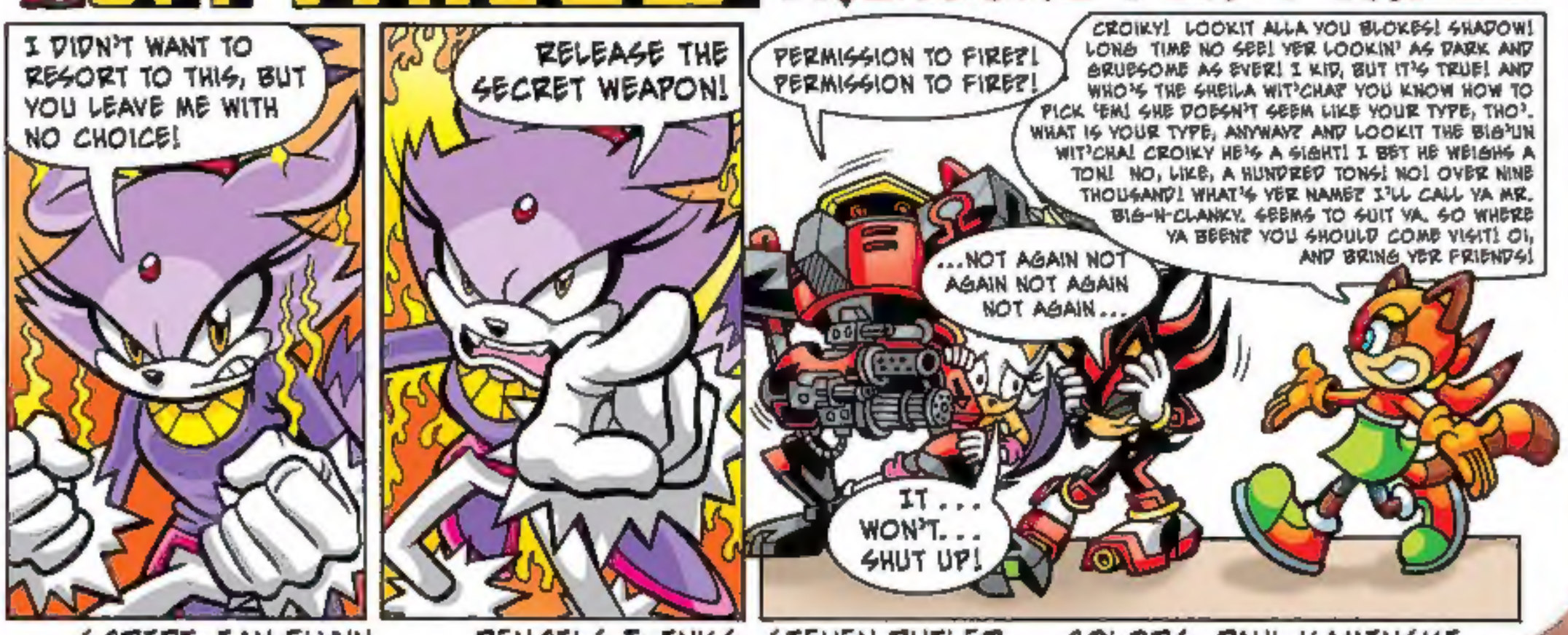
I DIDN'T WANT TO RESORT TO THIS, BUT YOU LEAVE ME WITH NO CHOICE!
RELEASE THE SECRET WEAPON!
PERMISSION TO FIRE?! PERMISSION TO FIRE?!
...NOT AGAIN NOT AGAIN NOT AGAIN NOT AGAIN...
IT... WON'T... SHUT UP!
CROIKY! LOOKIT ALLA YOU BLOKES! SHADOW! LONG TIME NO SEE! YER LOOKIN' AS DARK AND BRUDSOME AS EVER! I KID, BUT IT'S TRUE! AND WHO'S THE SHEILA WIT'CHAT YOU KNOW HOW TO PICK 'EM! SHE DOESN'T SEEM LIKE YOUR TYPE, THO'. WHAT IS YOUR TYPE, ANYWAYZ AND LOOKIT THE BIG'UN WIT'CHA! CROIKY HE'S A SIGHT! I BET HE WEIGHS A TON! NO, LIKE, A HUNDRED TONS! NO! OVER NINE THOUSAND! WHAT'S YER NAMEZ I'LL CALL YA MR. BIG-N-CLANKY. SEEMS TO SUIT YA. SO WHERE YA BEENZ YOU SHOULD COME VISIT! OI, AND BRING YER FRIENDS!

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ON SALE THE WEEK OF 12/21/10!

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ON SALE THE WEEK OF 12/07/10

Dear 'My Sonic Universe',
WAZZUP?! HOW'S IT GOING ON?

AHH! ...sorry, you startled me! It's going well :)

This is my first time writing to y'all. I've got a few questions and comments:
1) What happened to Jules' Chao?

The metal Chao Sonic's poppa Jules befriended is still puttering around with him in New Mobotropolis!

2) Since the 4th Grade, I've made comics.

Me too!

3) What happened to Knuckles in the future?

Long time Sonic fan,
Brandon P.
from New York

Knuckles wound up gettin' together with his long-time squeeze Julie-Su and they had a lovely daughter named Lara-Su! Read all about Lara-Su's adventures in SU ARC#2: "30 YEARS LATER" - available in the Sonic Store @ www.archiecomics.com!

Dear 'My Sonic Universe',
This is my first time writing to you guys! I have a couple questions for you?

I have a couple answers for you?

1) Can you guys put Blaze in more?

Blaze'll be blazin' up this issue and the rest of TREASURE TEAM TANGO! How're you likin' the arc so far??

2) Are you guys ever going to make Amy kiss Sonic?

Believe me, we'd never have to make Amy kiss Sonic, she's been trying to for years! I guess the closest she came was at the very end of STH#207-- which will be available to buy in the Sonic the Hedgehog 2010 Collector's Set, coming soon!

Blaze and Amy are my favorite characters in the Sonic comics -- AND I'm a boy!

Write back soon,
David P.
from Connecticut

Blaze and Amy are totally awesome! Remember, everyone: write in and let us know your thoughts on TREASURE TEAM TANGO!

the SONIC SPIN

the editorial column that's shhiiiiiinnny

Sometimes, you just have to bow to the absurd...

...and it doesn't get ANY more absurd than everyone's favorite dynamite duck - BEAN! Bean's very first cameo appearance was way back in STH#50 [try and spot it in Sonic Archives vol.13, on sale now!], but this cwazy quacker made his official debut crashing Sonic's birthday bash in STH#160! I believe he also attempted to date a set of shiny keys, which disturbs me greatly :]

TRACY YARDLEY'S ORIGINAL PENCILS!

BEAN MADE HIS MOBIAN DEBUT IN STH#160 - PICK IT UP TODAY @ THE NEW WWW.ARCHIECOMICS.COM

Last month, Bean brought his inane antics to the Sonic Universe Blogs @ www.archiecomics.com! Check the blog archives to read 'em all! Now that Bean is busy blowing things up in TREASURE TEAM TANGO, we want to know what characters YOU want to see guest-host the blogs! Shadow? Amy?? BIVALVE??? Write in and let us know!

See ya next month! Paul 10/10